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Question: I recently received a new CSAT tiering letter for my facility and the facility has an elapsed Security Vulnerability Assessment (SVA) due date. What do I do?

Answer:

This situation most often occurs when a facility has submitted a new Top-Screen in accordance with 6 C.F.R. § 27.210(d) without submitting an SVA as required based on the earlier Top-Screen. Unless the facility is granted a new SVA due date by DHS, the original SVA due date remains in effect. A facility should submit its SVA (or ASP, if applicable) to DHS by the submission date identified in the preliminary tiering letter in order to be in compliance with 6 C.F.R. § 27.210(a)(2). Likewise, a facility that has requested an extension should not allow a due date to pass while waiting for the Department to respond to the facility's request for an extension. In the absence of a formal written notice stating otherwise, the SVA deadlines in the preliminary tiering letter still apply.

If DHS subsequently places the facility in a lower preliminary risk tier based on the revised Top-Screen, DHS will send the facility a new preliminary tiering letter with a revised SVA due date. If DHS determines that the facility's preliminary risk tier either remains the same or is higher, the original due date remains in effect and will be re-stated in the new preliminary tiering letter. If this due date has passed, the facility should contact DHS to inform us that the facility is working on the SVA and submit the SVA as quickly as possible.

If the facility has already submitted its SVA pursuant to the original Top-Screen and preliminary tiering letter, a new SVA reflecting the new Top-Screen may be required. DHS will notify the facility regarding whether or not a new SVA is required. In either case, unless the facility is otherwise notified by DHS in writing, the facility must submit its SVA by the due date reflected in the applicable tiering letter.